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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

*The family of Louise Melander
cordially invites you to help Louise celebrate
her birthday at an Open House*

Saturday, July 23, 2022

2:00p-5:00p

Davis Park, Coyner Lodge

4507 Nichol Ave, Anderson 46011

*(Southeast corner of SR 32 and County Rd 400W
entrance on SR 32)*

Your friendship is special to Louise.

No other gift desired.



THE VOICE

A Newsletter of First United Methodist

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022 REPORT

The Indiana Annual Conference gathered in person for the first time since the pandemic at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion on June 9-11, 2022.

PLENARY HIGHLIGHTS

- The 2023 budget was adopted.
- 21 churches were acknowledged for their many years of changing lives, though they disbanded in the last year.
- 29 churches were approved for disaffiliation (leaving the UMC). Change is effective July 1, 2022.
- Rev. Dr. Aleze Fulbright was endorsed as a candidate for Bishop.
- The Missional Offering collected \$102,373.72. Approximately 4,000 pounds of school kits were collected (which is estimated to be around 2,000 completed kits).

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 children were baptized.
- 58 retirees were honored for their 1,282 years of combined service.
- 8 persons were ordained as elders.
- 2 persons were commissioned for ministry as deacons.
- 4 persons were commissioned for ministry as elders.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

The Conference honored the lives of 46 clergy (including The Rev. William Mathys) and 27 spouses who have joined the Church Triumphant in the last year.

APPOINTMENTS

- Pastor Peggy Nunley and Rev. Corinne Boruff have been reappointed to Anderson First United Methodist Church and community for another conference year beginning July 1, 2022.

Questions? Brian Jones (Lay Rep. to Annual Conference), Pastor Peggy Nunley and Rev. Corinne Boruff attended and voted.

We Worship Together

Worship Schedule for July, 2022

Psalms for Today

In this sermon series we will connect the psalms to current issues, showing that as much as the world has changed since the psalms were written, our need to express our deepest feelings and know that God hears is as powerful now as ever.

July 3	Independence Sunday Communion Can God Set a Table in the Wilderness? Psalm 78:1-8 (NLT) Music (9 a.m.): Brass Quartet Music (10:45 a.m.): Michele Murray
July 10	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost How Much Sin Will God Forgive? Psalm 51:1-19 (NLT) Music (9 a.m.): Mark & Michele Murray Music (10:45 a.m.): Mark & Michele Murray
July 17	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost His Love Endures Forever Psalm 136:1-26 (NLT) Music (9 a.m.): The P.S. Girls Music (10:45 a.m.): Sheryl Monnier
July 24	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost When the Foundations are Destroyed Psalm 11:1-7 (NLT) Music (9 a.m.): Arrows of the Almighty Music (10:45 a.m.): Sheryl Monnier
July 31	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Pastor Don Deena Johnson preaching Music (9 a.m.): Arrows of the Almighty Music (10:45 a.m.): Rachael Shaver

Adult Ministries

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The next meeting of the Men's Fellowship Breakfast is scheduled to be Saturday, July 16, 2022, at 8:00 am in the East/West Parlor Downtown. The program this month will be presented by Steve Jackson from the Madison County Historical Society, about the history of Anderson First UMC. If you have further questions, please contact Bill Brown or Jim Wessar.

WHAT DO THEY DO?

Each month a different staff member and their ministry responsibilities will be highlighted.

STAFF HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

Tom Shriver-McGrevy
Digital Community Manager

ESSENTIAL DUTIES

The Digital Community Manager has a wide array of weekly duties to accomplish. They are as follows:

- Facebook Posts
- Twitter Posts
- Instagram Posts
- Upload Sunday's service to the website. Design weekly graphics for services.
- Edit and post weekly Coffee with Corinne segment
- Edit and post weekly Downtown Devotions segment
- Update website calendar
- Maintain "stay informed" images on the website with current Programs and events
- Create original graphics for church media and website
- Respond to messages via social media
- Respond to messages via email, website, etc.
- Forward online contact forms to appropriate person(s)
- Manage Google business page
- Work with Financial Officer to manage online giving thorough the website/PayPal
- Update website banner images
- Manage online giving in coordination with Financial Officer

AS-NEEDED DUTIES

There are also many items that may not need to happen each week, but the Digital Community manager will have a role in as needs arise. They are as follows:

- New staff photos and bios uploaded to website
- Update the website "backend"
- Design flyers
- Design outdoor banners
- Approve/deny website prayer wall posts
- Create new website, website pages, etc.
- Create target advertisement online
- Create newspaper advertisements
- Update UMC.org church listing with changes
- Update Herald with summer worship changes
- Publish office closings as necessary via web/social
- Add new staff members to "Staff" page on website
- Other duties as they arise

Other Church News

GRIEF SHARE — *(Yes, it is one word!)*

It hurts to lose someone. Find help at GriefShare.

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.



Carol and Ron Watson participated in a GriefShare group during the winter and found it so helpful that they are now trained and ready to offer this healing experience with you. There is no time limit to grief – days, months, years – so whenever you lost a loved one, this program can help.

Watch for additional information as registration will be in July and the first of 13 sessions is on Monday, August 1 from 10-12 in N.S. Parlor.

HOSPITALITY TRAINING continues!

Session 3 & 4 will be offered on July 6 & 20 respectively.

You do not need to have been present for the first two for these to be impactful for you and your ministry!

You are expected!



CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

"One is never closer to God than in a Garden!"

Jerry Burand has relinquished the care of the Butterfly Garden and Labyrinth at Davis Park to his church family – you and me!

Looking for a team that will divide the responsibilities by season – Spring, Summer and Fall. Members of the community are invited as well to share in this ministry. Contact Pastor Corinne for additional details: corinne@andersonfirst.org; 317-902-1843 (text, call)



PRAISE GOD FOR OUR BAPTISMS

On June 5 we baptized two children

Jacob Ward and Eden Annette Finger

Parents: Matt and Christine Finger

Grandparents: Mark & Sue Finger, Scott & Sherri West
and welcomed them officially into the family of God.

Wired Word Bible Study

10:30 a.m. following worship at Davis Park on Sundays, July 3, 10, 17 and 24. Pastor Don Deena leads this study. Bring your coffee and donut and join in the circle for what is always an interesting and engaging conversation about the insight scripture gives us as we think about the current events in our nation and world.

J.O.Y. LUNCH

Playing with Art – July 15

Middle School art teacher and painter, Will Johnson is our speaker for JOY Lunch this month. He is Pastor Don Deena's nephew and lives in Indianapolis with his family. Will has a studio at the Harrison Center in Indy and his work has been featured in several shows there. His love for creating works of art is being passed along to students at Oaks Academy and he will share that love with us. Please sign-up in the church office by Wednesday, July 13. The cost for lunch is \$10.

BON AMIS

AUGUST – *Indianapolis Indians vs. Iowa Cubs – Friday, August 19*

"Take me out to the ball game..." Come and enjoy an iconic summer pastime: baseball and fireworks with our own Indianapolis Indians. Vans will leave the church parking lot at 5 p.m. for the 7 p.m. game. Registration and payment must be made in the church office by Friday, July 29. The cost for this event is \$45.



September—



Crown Hill Cemetery Tour and Lunch at Spaghetti Factory – Thursday, Sept. 15

Have you ever been curious about the history of Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis and some of the interesting people who are buried there? Join the Bon Amis group as we make our way with a tour guide through the cemetery, visiting some of the most recognized monuments and statues and viewing the downtown skyline from James Whitcomb Riley's tomb on top of beautiful Crown Hill. This event costs \$55. You must register and

pay for this event by August 19. The vans will leave the church parking lot at 9 a.m. and return around 3 p.m.

ALL-CHURCH CAMP-OUT

July 23-24 at Davis Park

Bring your tent, camper or come for the day.

Activities and campfire will be available.

If spending the night plan to attend the 9 a.m. worship service on Sunday morning.



SMALL GROUPS

led by Pastor Don Deena Johnson

Step by Steppers Walking Group – Facilitated by Pastor Don Deena Johnson

This is an open group. Everyone of all ages is welcome to join in.

Saturday, July 9 – 9 a.m. at Polaski Park on 53rd Street. We will meet together in the parking lot by pond. Rating: Easy.

Saturday, July 23 – 9 a.m. at the church parking lot to carpool to Summit Lake State Park. Rating: Moderate

Sermon Talk-back –

Will pick up where they left off in September.

RETURN SUNDAY – PLAN AHEAD

WHAT???

Plan now to be a part of a long-time tradition rejuvenated last year!

Sunday, September 11 at 6 p.m.

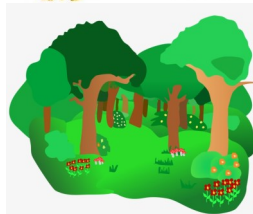
All-church pitch-in & cookout at Davis Park

Music, games and great food.

More information to come!



Next Generation Ministries



Mondays Family Fun Days Continue!

The fun continues each Monday evening from 6:00-7:00 at Davis Park. So, invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us for these fun events...

July 4th- We're taking an evening off

July 11th- Water Works (come prepared to get wet!)

July 18th- Treasure Hunt

July 25th- Art Night

Gateway Grab & Go Meals

We are continuing to build relationships with the neighbors that share our building. On June 20 we kicked off Gateway Grab & Go Meals. What are Grab & Go Meals? Well, they are simple sack suppers Gateway parents can grab to take with them as they pick up their children. It is our way of offering a simple meal, a friendly face and open the door for conversations with parents as they pick up their children. We are still looking for people to help prepare and serve these sack suppers for July 6 and July 22. If you would like to help, please contact Pastor Peggy.



Outreach Ministries

HELPING HANDS PANTRY

As a non-food pantry, Helping Hands Pantry provides much needed items to our community. We provide paper products, such as toilet paper, paper towels, and Kleenex. We also provide personal hygiene items, such as shampoo, conditioner, body wash or bar soap, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors, etc. In addition, we also provide laundry detergent, dish soap, all-purpose cleaners like Pine-Sol, Comet, spray cleaners and toilet cleaners. Occasionally, we receive donations from businesses and individuals of items our guests have a need for that are not among the items given by Helping Hands.

As with other Outreach ministries, our Pantry was also affected by COVID. Prior to COVID, we had the Pantry inside in the hallway outside of the North/South Parlor twice a month from January through October, and once a month in November and December. Each person was able to choose one item from five different categories. When the Church was closed in March of 2020, we also closed. In July, 2020, we began having a drive through Pantry and gave bags to each person under the portico using the same schedule as before. Beginning in February, 2021, due to continued COVID concerns for our guests and our volunteers, we have had one drive through each month. We increased the number of items given to our guests to eight to ten items. We alternate the personal hygiene items and the cleaning supplies every other month. Toilet paper is provided every month. Several of our Church members, as well as several of our long-time guests, have helped our Pantry team prepare the bags holding the products. In 2021, we served 601 guests from February through December. From January 12th through June 8th this year, we have served 302 guests.

The generous monetary and product donations of our congregation have enabled us to provide much needed assistance to our guests. They are very grateful for what they receive. With regard to the July 13th Helping Hands Pantry, we would appreciate donations of toilet paper, toothpaste and women's razors.

Thank you for your giving—Sincerely, Linda Verhulst and Juanita Slattery.



MUSIC IN THE PARK

Rock Bottom Boys Concert

at Davis Park

Thursday, July 28 at 7 p.m.

Bring your lawn chairs and picnic and enjoy an evening of fantastic music under the trees!